Encroachment of Land by Nepalese

1072. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether fresh encroachment into Indian Territory by the Nepalese along the Indo-Nepal border in West Champaran district has come to the notice of Government of India;

(b) whether 306 acres of forest land is now already under the possession of Nepal at village Rampurna, Pasranin and Balgangmar;

(c) whether Nepal Government has also staked their claim over 5073-69 acres of land; and

(d) if so, steps taken to settle the disputes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) to (d) Government of India's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Hindustan Times of 15 April, 1993 which reported about some fresh encroachments in the West Champaran district. We have requested the Government of Bihar to look into the matter.

This is a long-standing problem dating back to the pre-Independence period. According to the Government of Bihar, the area involved in the Susta-Narasahi sector is over 5 thousand acres.

This matter has been discussed with the Government of Nepal at various levels including the Joint Technical Level India-Nepal Boundary Committee, which has been constituted for demarcating the India-Nepal boundary. There is now a need for undertaking a joint survey of the area and the matter along with other points concerning the boundary will be coming up for further discussions in the next meeting of the Boundary Committee to be held in September/ October, 1993.

Nuclear Competition between India and Pakistan

1073. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Secretary of State has recently acknowledged that Nuclear-non-Proliferation concerns on the Indian Subcontinent were on the top of his worry list and that he considered it very important to try to avoid nuclear competition between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Secretary of State made these remarks during the course of his testimony before the House Foreign Operations Sub-committee of Appropriations Committee of the US Congress in March, 1993.

(c) Government maintain that genuine non-proliferation can be achieved only through multilaterally negotiated agreements that are comprehensive in scope, universal in application and non-discriminatory in character.

Indian CBI Team visited Dubai

1074. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a CBI team has recently visited Dubai;

(b) if so, name and ranks of the officials and their purpose to visit Dubai;

(c) whether they got success in their task during the visit;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Dubai police has refused to hand over Niranjan Shah to India; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) S/Shri P. C. Sharma, JD, Mahesh Prakash, LA, S.S. Jha, Dy. SP. They explained the case against Niranjan Shah and a request for his deportation was made.

(c) to (g) The matter is still under consideration of UAE authorities. However, as a result of the visit the detention of Niranjan Shah has been extended. The matter is being constantly persued with UAE authorities.

Indian Pilgrims Denied Visa to visit Pakistan

1075. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 18th April, 1993 captioned "Pak denied visas" to a group of 206 pilgrims wanted to visit Sikh shrines in Pakistan on the occasion of 'Baisakhi' even after the last minute visa entries had been made on the passports of the intended pilgrims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up this matter with Government of Pakistan so as to avoid such refusals in future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) Government's attention was drawn to the denial of visas by the Pak High Commission in Delhi to some of the yatris desirous of visiting Pakistan on the occasion of Baisakhi on 13th April, 1993.

Government have taken up with Government of Pakistan through the diplomatic channels the specific instances of such denial of visas to the yatris.

Claims of Indian Nationals who come back from Kuwait

1076. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is being done in the matter of Indian nationals who have left their money and other property to Kuwait and have come back to India during the Gulf war; and

(b) how many persons have registered their claims with the UN Commission and what is the total amount ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) The Ministry of External Affairs